

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/415,578

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 3/09/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-23.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 09 March 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                   |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

## DETAILED ACTION

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Einar Stole on 4/25/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

**Claim 2** is cancelled.

**Claim 1** is amended as follows:

In an interactive library system having a computer in telecommunication link with at least one user computer and computer of at least one content provider requiring payment for information access, a method for providing information from the content provider to the user which comprises:

receiving, by the library system computer, user identification and password from the user computer;

comparing, by the library system computer, said received user identification and password with authorized user identifications and corresponding passwords stored in the library system to determine whether to grant access to the interactive library system;

if comparison results in grant of access, then

receiving, by the library system computer, input from the user computer

specifying type of information desired by the user;

establishing, by the library system computer, telecommunication link with content provider computer;

transmitting, by the library system computer, said type of information desired by the user as a search request to the content provider computer;

receiving, by the library system computer, result of said search request from the content provider computer; ~~and~~

providing, by the library system computer, said result to the user computer; and

customizing a user interface provided by the interactive library system to the user computer based on type of information desired by the user.

**Claim 16** is amended as follows:

An interactive library system providing telecommunication links with at least one user computer and computer of at least one content provider requiring payment for information access, which comprises:

a library computer adapted to receive and transmit data over telecommunication links, said library computer having a microprocessor and a first storage unit;

a second storage unit electrically coupled to said library computer to store user identifications and corresponding passwords;

a program operable on said microprocessor stored in said first storage unit, said program comparing user identification and password received from the user computer

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with said user identifications and corresponding passwords stored in said second storage unit to determine whether the user computer is authorized; ~~and~~

said program, if the user computer is determined to be authorized, causing said library computer to communicate with content provider computer to transmit type of information desired by the user as a search request and to receive result of said search request; and

customizing a user interface provided by the interactive library system to the user computer based on type of information desired by the user.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1, 3-23 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

3.1 Referring to the independent claims 1 and 16, Bessette discloses a method and apparatus for the management of data files (see abstract and Fig. 10). Bessette teaches that client work-station downloads a record along with the set of pointers, which link the client to the remotely stored files (see abstract). Bessette discloses a works-station (client in Fig.10) logging onto a server (300 in Fig.10) using the user identification and password (see column 10, lines 60-65). Bessette teaches that the validation table maps all the registered user IDs to the corresponding passwords. The table is used to validate clients logging on to the server, for security purposes (see column 10, lines 6-9 and lines 60-67). Bessette, however, does not teach or suggest establishing a telecommunication link with the content provider computer.

3.2 Referring to the instant claims, Van Der Meer discloses a method for transferring annotated universal address (see abstract). Van Der Meer teaches that transfer applet 151 can establish a communications link with the diary server 120 (for storage of the new AUAs, e.g., as part of a storage operation of the full user diary data 146) and can establish a communications link with the diary applet 148 on the diary owner system 105 to point out the newly added AUAs 156 (for immediate presentation at the diary owner system 105) – see Fig.1. However, neither Bessette nor Van Der Meer teach or suggest customizing a user interface provided by the interactive library system based on the type of the information requested.

Furthermore, neither Bessette nor Van Der Meer teach or suggest a content provider requiring payment for information access.

4. In view of examiner's amendment and the reasons provided herein claims 1 and 3-23 are in condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

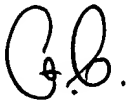
### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Grigory Gurshman whose telephone number is (571)272-3803. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 AM-5:30 PM.

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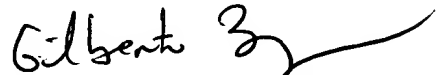
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on (571)272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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